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Listing of claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for using a color scheme to communicate information associated with an event and related to the integration of hardware and software in a computing device, comprising:

receiving an event at the computing device, the event corresponding to a software element that has an associated color scheme, wherein the software element is associated with a user interface display of the computing device;

determining a color value associated with the event, the color value corresponding to the color scheme of the software element, wherein a change to the color scheme of the software element results in a change in the color value;

~~converting the color value to a duty cycle percentage; and~~

illuminating the software element on the user interface display and a corresponding hardware button on the computing device element according to the color value when the event is received to indicate the integration of the function of the hardware button with the software element such that duty cycle percentage, wherein the illuminated hardware element communicates the information associated with the event is communicated to a user.

Claims 2-3 (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the software ~~hardware~~ element is ~~at least one of a keypad, a software-defined soft key, a fascia, a lens, an antenna, and an accessory of a communications device.~~

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein illuminating the hardware button element further comprises illuminating an illuminating element, wherein the illuminating element is at least one of a tri-colored light emitting diode and an electro-luminescence light.

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7. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the event is ~~at least one of an incoming call from a member of a user-selected group of callers, a calendar reminder, a guide for user action, an indicator of available actions, a notice of availability of a new wireless network, a notice of loss of connectivity, and a user-instigated action.~~

8. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the color scheme changes to communicate information corresponding to elapsed time associated with the event.

9. (Currently Amended) A system for using a color scheme to communicate information associated with an event and related to the integration of hardware and software in a mobile computing device, comprising:

a memory of the mobile computing device that is arranged to receive an event;

a software element associated with a user interface display of the mobile

computing device, wherein:

the software element is coupled to the memory,

the event corresponding to a software element corresponds to the event,

the software element that has an associated color scheme, and wherein

the color scheme corresponds to a color value such that the color value changes when the color scheme of the software element is changed;

an illuminating element coupled to the memory; and

a hardware button element coupled to the illuminating element, wherein:

the software element is configured to be illuminated on the user interface display according to the color value when the event is received, and is converted to a duty cycle percentage;

the illuminating element is configured to illuminate illuminates the hardware button element according to the color value duty cycle percentage when the event is received to indicate the integration of the function of the hardware button with the software element such that communicate the information associated with the event is communicated to a user.

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Claims 10-11 (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 9, wherein the software hardware element is ~~at least one of a keypad, a software defined soft key, a fascia, a lens, an antenna, and an accessory of a communications device.~~

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Original) The system of Claim 9, wherein the illuminating element is at least one of a tri-colored light emitting diode and an electro-luminescence light.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 9, wherein the event is ~~at least one of an incoming call from a member of a user-selected group of callers, a calendar reminder, a guide for user action, an indication of available actions, a notice of availability of a new wireless network, a notice of loss of connectivity, and a user instigated action.~~

17. (Original) The system of Claim 9, wherein the color scheme changes to communicate information corresponding to elapsed time associated with the event.

18. (Currently Amended) A system for using a color scheme to communicate information associated with an event and related to the integration of hardware and software in a mobile computing device, comprising:

means for receiving an event at the mobile computing device, the event corresponding to a software element that has an associated color scheme, wherein the software element is associated with a user interface display of the mobile computing device;

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means for determining a color value associated with the event, the color value corresponding to the color scheme of the software element, wherein a change to the color scheme of the software element results in a change in the color value;

~~means for converting the color value to a duty cycle percentage; and~~

means for illuminating the software element on the user interface display and a corresponding a hardware button on the mobile computing device element according to color value when the event is received to indicate the integration of the function of the hardware button with the software element such that duty cycle percentage, wherein the illuminated hardware element communicates the information associated with the event is communicated to a user.

Claims 19-23 (Cancelled)

24. (New) The system of Claim 18, wherein the software element is a soft key.

25. (New) The system of Claim 18, wherein the event is an incoming call from a member of a user-selected group of callers.

26. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein the event is a guide for user action.

27. (New) The system of Claim 9, wherein the event is a guide for user action.

28. (New) The system of Claim 18, wherein the event is a guide for user action.

29. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein the event is a calendar reminder.

30. (New) The system of Claim 9, wherein the event is a calendar reminder.

31. (New) The system of Claim 18, wherein the event is a calendar reminder.